

# THE FIGURE OF FIVE.

Vnder which figure,  
is exprest,

Many a pretty, witty  
jest :

And sollid reason  
therewith blended,

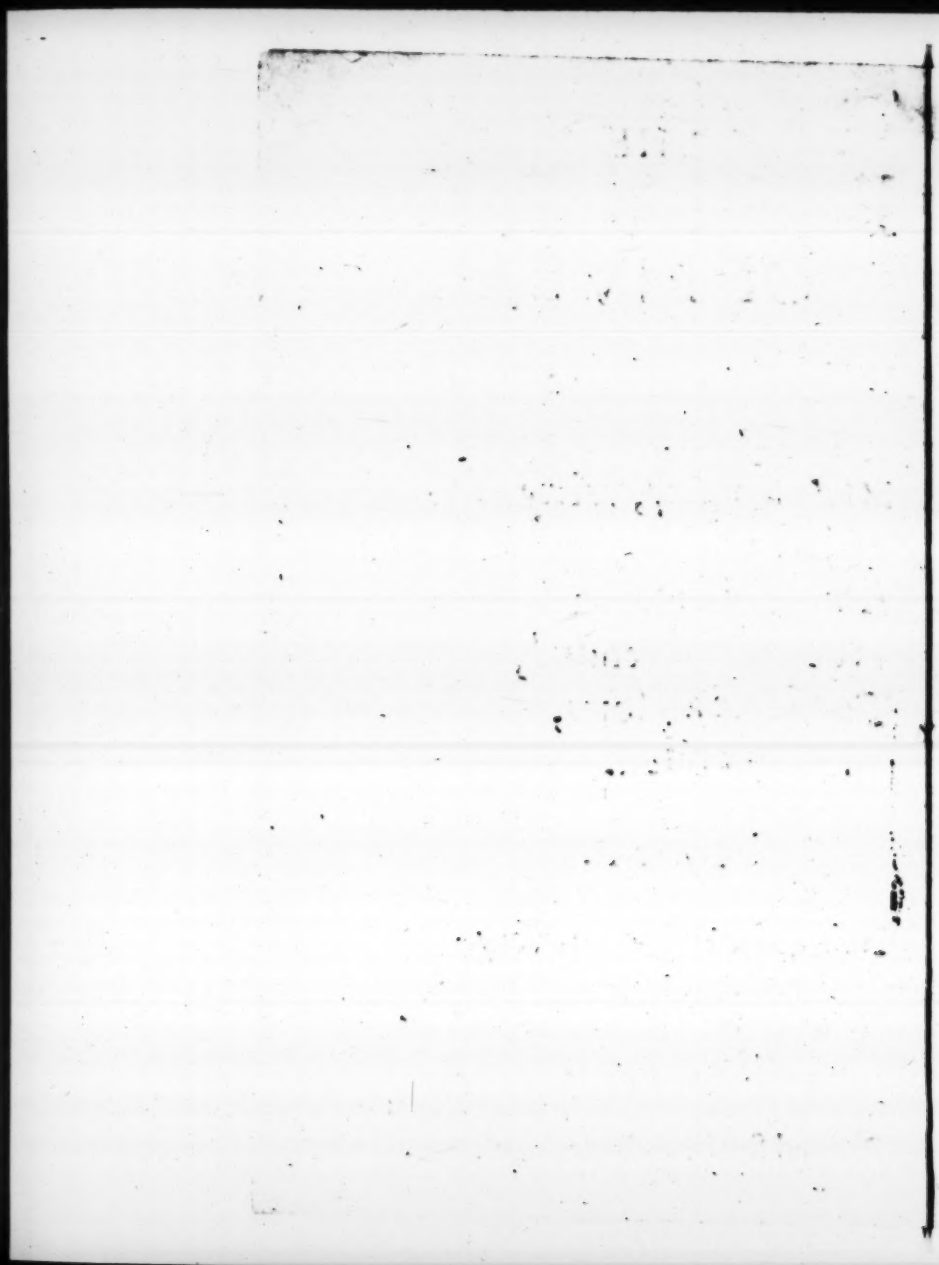
To please all sorts,  
it is intended.

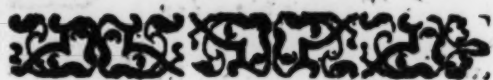
By M. P.

Being the Volume is very  
small.

Reade it quite through;  
or else leave it all.

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end of the Old-Baily, neare





TO  
*The Curteous Rea-*  
der of any qua-  
litie.

**F**igures (courteous readers)  
as they are of divers kinds,  
so have they severall significa-  
tions; by one manner of Fi-  
gures we are aptly taught to  
calculate or number the com-  
putation of times, as yecres,  
months, weekes, dayes, houres  
and minutes: to make exact  
& particular reckning of mo-  
ny, by pounds, shillings, pence  
halfpence, and farthings: to  
observe measures, as barley  
corues, inches, feete, cubits,  
yardes, rods, poles, akers, fur-  
longs, and Miles: to know  
A 3 weights,

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weight, as pounds, halfpounds  
quarters, ounces, halfe ounces  
and quarters, penny weights,  
scruples, graines and drams.

Another sort of figures may  
bee said to be used when the  
curious Artist doth deci-  
phier and proportion the live-  
ly effigies or shadow of man  
or woman, bird, or beast,  
fowle, or fish, hearbes, plants  
or trees, and any other thing,  
that is exactly done, is rightly  
said to be figured; A third sort  
of figure (and that the chiefe)  
is that manner of covert spea-  
king & writing for ornament  
of language, which is used by  
Poets, Orators, & Rhetorici-  
ans. I cannot punctually say  
which of al these, I come most  
neare vnto, in this my booke;  
but this I dare promise that  
who-

## *To the Reader.*

whosoever viewes it with a  
judiciall survey, though it be  
small in volume, shall find that  
it holds a fit correspondency,  
and harmonieall relation to  
either, the truth of which thou  
shalt find in the perusal. And  
if any demand why I choose  
such subjects to spend time  
upon: I answer, that whereas  
heretofore there hath the like  
labour beene spent upon the  
figures of three and foure, I  
thought good to try my A-  
rithmetick, in casting up  
these so many accounts that  
have reference to the figure:  
of five: to conclude, thou shalt  
finde many pretty conceites  
figured out in lively colours,  
which I hope shall both con-  
tent the eye, ear, and heart of  
the Reader or Hearer, how soe-

***To the Reader.***

ver it is now at hap-hazard  
committed to publike cen-  
sure; and is resolved to try the  
adventure of respect, or ne-  
glect the first of these wishing  
to obtraine, I submit to thy  
charitab<sup>l</sup>e opinion, and rest

*Thine now and*

*hereafter,*

M.P.

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## THE FIGVRE OF FIVE.

1 **T** Here bee five men chiefly noted in holy Writ : Adam for being the first man, Methusala for being the oldest man, Job for a patient man, Samson for a strong man, and Salomon for a wise man.

2 There be also five men notoriously infamous in the Scriptures: Cain for killing his brother Abell, Cham for discovering his fathers nakednesse, Absolon for rebellion against his Father, Judas, for betraying his Lord, and Pilate for condemning the same Christ.

3 There be five degrees of men  
under

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under the Sovereigne : the Noble-  
man, Clergy man, and the gentle-  
man, the Husbandman, and the  
Tradesman.

4 There be five orders of Knight-  
hood in England : Knight of the  
Garter, Knight Barronet, Knight  
Banneret, Knight of the Bath, and  
Knight Batcheler.

5 There bee five warme things  
that especially preserve the life of  
man, warme meat, warm clothes,  
warme fire, warme lodging, with  
a warme bedfellow.

6 There bee five short things  
which most people desire: A short  
sentence, a short grace, a short prai-  
er, a short sermon, and a short sea-  
son of ill weather.

7 There be five sorts of horses,  
the war horse, the hunting horse,  
the cart horse, the coach horse, and  
the hobby horse.

8 There bee five sorts of men  
fearefull to meete; A Sergeant to a  
banquerout, a Constable in pres-  
sing time to a Coward, a Beadle to



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a vagabond, a hangman to a thiefe,  
and a strong thiefe to a weaker rich  
Traueller.

9 There be five kindes of men  
that live by cutting: A Cutter of  
stone, a cutter of wood, a cutter of  
Tobacco, a cutter of throates, and  
a cutter of purses.

10 There be five notable qua-  
lities in a Porter: he is a man of  
great understanding, though he be  
no scholler, he is a patient man for  
he beares much, he is a temperate  
man, for hee'll carry much sacke  
without being drunke, he rests oft  
though hee be neither Sargeant,  
Baillife, nor Marshall man; and for  
all he does he can shew licence.

11 There be five Hackneyes, a  
hackney man, a hackney turnep, a  
hackney Coach, a hackney Horse,  
and a hackney Whore.

12 There bee five manner of  
Wives: that rather cumber than  
comfort their husbands, a whorish  
wife a scoulding wife, a sluttish  
wife, a lazy wife, and a foolish  
wife.

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13 There be five famous stiles beginning with the letter P. Patriarkes, Prophets, Poets, Philosophers and Physicians.

14 There bee five things that have a fit resemblance to the five senses by contrary enterchange, the Winde is heard and not scene, the Sun is scene and not heard, a Pulse is felt when shees neither heard nor scene. Milke is tasted but not smelt, and a fart is smelt and not tasted.

15 There bee five that are men by profession, though otherwise dwarffs: a meale man, a water man, a broome man, a mault man, and a hangman.

16 There bee five sorts of good liquor made in England: Ale, Beere, Cyder, Perry, and Metheglin.

17 There be five kindes of cases, a Capcase, a fiddle case, a Candlecase, combe case, and a Law case.

18 There bee five things almost in continual motion: at Ship at sea,  
a flica

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a flea, an aspen leafe, a dogs taile,  
and a womans tongue.

19 There bee five things very  
comfortable to a man, quiet sleepe,  
good wine, cleanelly diet, sweets  
musicke, and a patient wife.

20 There bee five necessarie  
quicke things in a house: a mouse-  
trapping Cat, a watchfull dog, a wake-  
full Cocke, a fruitfull Hen, and a  
huswifely woman.

21 There bee five most noted  
games at dice: In and in, Passage,  
Hazard, Tray-trip, and Mum-  
chance.

22 There be five vertuous pro-  
perties belonging to a good Wo-  
man: a modest looke, a civill be-  
haviour, a curteous speech, a come-  
ly habit, and ( chiefly ) a constant  
loyalty to her husband.

23 There bee five sorts of men  
either of which if a woman match  
withall, shee's unhappy; a whore-  
monger, a common Drunkard, a  
peevish foole, a meddling cotquean  
and a jealous Coxcombe.

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24 There bee five muches, for which most men covet: much wealth, much honour, much strength, much skill, and especially much praise.

25 There bee five things common to all men for their money: a Barbers chaire, a watermans boat, an Ale-house bench, a play house, and a whores house.

26 There bee five well noted prisons within the liberty of London: Newgate, Ludgate, old bridewell, and the two Counters.

27 There be also five like prisons in the borough of Southwark: the Kings bench, the white Lion, the Marshalls seas, the Counter, & the Clink.

28 There be likewise five prisons without the freedome: the Fleet, the new bridewell, the new prison, the round house, and Finsbury Jayle.

29 There be five chiefe officers belonging to a Noble personage: the Steward, the Gentleman usher, the

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the Gentleman of the Horse, the Groome of the Chamber, and the Clarke of the kitching.

30 There be five inferiour officers which cannot bee mist in a house of Honour; the Bruer, the Baker, the Cooke, the Butler, and the Caterer.

31 There be five Tradesmen chiefly employed about building: a Carpenter, a Mason, a Brickmaker, a Smith, and a glazier.

32 There bee five things that chiefly uphold a common wealth: Money, Navigation, warfare, husbandry, and clothing.

33 There bee five men odious to honest company: a prophane swearer, a desperate Quarreller, an obscene talker, a cheating decoy and a stinking sot.

34 There bee five Women as till to bee endured: An arrant scould, a drunken sowe, a snuffling bawd, a shamelesse whore, and a carry tale gossip.

35 There bee five Vices that bring

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bring many a man to ruine: Pride, Prodigality, Luxury, Drunkenness, and gaming.

36 There bee five trades that are chiefe agents to pride: Taylors, Feather-makers, Perfumers, Sempsters, and Imbroderers.

37 There be five things which a Taylor cannot worke without: a pressing yron, a payre of sheeres, a measure, a Needle, and a Thimble.

38 There be five men that get money by other mens brawlings, a Lawyer, a Chirurgion, a Souldier, a Fencer, and an Aparator.

39 There bee five noted payments betweene the halfe penny and the pound: a penny, a shilling, a crowne, a noble, and a marke.

40 There be five common Masters: a Master of defence, a Master of a family, a Master of a ship, a Schoole Master, and a Whoore-Master.

41 There bee five noted companions: a boone companion, a

base

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base companion, a lazy companion,  
a saucy companion, and a beggerly  
companion.

42 There be five greasie Com-  
panions: a Butcher, a Cooke, a  
tallow Chaundler, a sope boyler,  
and a Kitchain stuffe wench.

43 There be five monosyllables,  
which containe all the World:  
Mine, thine, his, hers, and theirs.

44 There be five smiths: a gold-  
smith a silver smith, a blacksmith,  
a coppersmith, a Tom smith.

45 There be five Vshers: An  
Vsher to a grammer schoole, an V-  
sher to a fencing schoole, an Vsher  
to a dancing schoole, an Vsher of  
a Hall, and a gentleman Vsher.

46 There be five especiall Ver-  
tues requisite in every Christian:  
Constancy in Gods cause, loyaltie  
towards his Prince, charity to-  
ward the poore, love to al people,  
and patience to beare all crosses.

47 There be five vices oppo-  
site to those five vertues: Let's be  
lukewarme in Religion, treache-  
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rows against his King, hard hearted  
to the poore, to be in hatred with  
his Neighbours, and to repine at  
Gods chastisements.

48 There bee five chiefe com-  
manders in a Campe, a Lieutenant,  
Generall, the Sergeant Major, the  
Muste-master, and the Captaine.

49 There be also five officers of  
note under a Captaine : the Lieu-  
tenant, the Ensigne, the Sergeant,  
the Corporall, and the Drummer.

50 There be five chiefe officers  
in a ship, the Captaine, the Master,  
the Steward, the purser, and the  
boat-swaine.

51 There be five Tradesmen  
that chiefly thrive by warre, Ar-  
mourers, Gunmakers, pike makers  
Cutlers, and Girdlers.

52 There were five famous La-  
tine Poets : Ovid, Virgil, Lucan,  
Propertius, Horace.

53 There were likewise five  
most exquisite painters : Allche-  
Bacchacius, Mechus, Alexis, Apel-  
les and Zeuxis.

54 There



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54 There be five extraordinary drunkards and gluttons left in memory to posterity, Bonetius, Darius, Milo, Phagoe, and Tricones.

55 There be five things which makes a good fellow willing to spend his money, an honest host, a good fire, good liquor, good tobacco, and a merry hostesse.

56 There be five sorts of fooles, a naturall foole, a great mans foole, a foole in a play, a foole in a morris dance, and a Lawyers foole.

57 There be five base officers in London, a hangman, a Beadle, a promooter, a catchpoule, and the Beares bagpiper.

58 There bee five sorts of Batchelers: a Batcheler of the Law, a Batcheler of Art, a Batcheler of Divinity, a Knight Batcheler, and one that was never married.

59 There be five sorts of Herrings: fresh herring, pickled herring, blore herring, red herring and Roane herring, the pie wench.

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*The fount of life.*

60. There bee five naturall resemblances berwixt birds and man kind: the P. llican teacheth parents love to their Children, the stork naturall love to their parents, the Turtle dove correspondency betwixt lovers, the phoenix continency, and the sparrow, inordinate lust.

61. There bee also five Beastes which be fit emblems of wicked men: the hyena, the crocodill, and the fox for teacherous murderers, the goat for a lecher, and the wolfe for a covetous wretch.

62. There be five things requisite in a well governed comon wealth: the Judges to hate bribery, the Clergy men simony, the Nobles disloyalty, the Gentry malignity, and the commons mutiny.

63. There be five imaginary rivers in hell, Acheron, Avernus, Cocitus, Stix and Phlegiton.

64. There be five men which as the Poets faine, are particularly tormented in hell, Ixion is said to turne

*The fables of fowles*

turne a restlesse wheale; Prometheus is faigned to have his heart gnawed by a Vultur, Siciphus to roll a restlesse stone against a hill, Ohennus to make ropes, which an Asse that stands by, bites in sunder: Tantalus stands up to the chin in water, and cannot drinke, and hath apples, bobbing at his lips, and cannot eate any.

63 There bee five sorts of Cuckolds: a merry Cuckold, a mad Cuckold, a melancholly Cuckold, a conceited Cuckold, and a contented Cuckold.

66 There be five sorts of men unworthy to live in a common wealth, hee that hath wealth enough, and does no good with it: he that sells his patrimony to maintaine whoores, he that drinkes all day at the Alchouse while his family starves at home, hee that forswears himselfe for a trifle, and he that has a good wife and will not use her well.

67. There be five men pittifull

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*The figure of a pot.*

to behold, a man without honestie,  
a man without mercy, a man without  
wit, a man without clothes, and  
a man without money.

68 There be five outs, which  
many men are vexed withall, drink  
out o'th pot, tobacco out o'th pipe,  
wit out o'th head, money out o'th  
purse, and wife out o'th bed.



**FINIS.**

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